

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 3-9, 11, 13, 15-108, 110-122, and 128-132 are cancelled. Claims 1-2, 10, 12, 14, 109, and 123-127 are allowed.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-2, 10, 12, 14, 109, and 123-127.

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to as "lack[ing] antecedent basis for the various means for recited in claims 111, 112, and 118-122." Claims 111, 112, and 118-122 are cancelled.

Claims 1 and 123 were objected to because of informalities and have been amended to correct same.

Claims 111, 112, and 118-122 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 111, 112, and 118-122 are cancelled.

Turning now to the art rejection, claims 111-112, and 118-127 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnan (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,124) in view of Shinn (U.S. Patent No. 6,655,585) and further in view of Pare (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,348). Claims 111, 112, and 118-122 are cancelled.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's objection and the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 103(a) and 112, second paragraph.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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